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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

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1. ABIDJAN: EMBTEL 2999. CODEL CONCURS IN SCHEDULE WITH
FOLLOWING COMMENTS:
(A) THANKS AMBASSADOR FOR KIND INVITATION TO DINNER BUT
RESPECTFULLY DECLINES. (B) REF PARA 3: GIVEN SHORTNESS OF
CODEL'S VISIT AND PRESIDENT'S BUSY SCHEDULE, CONG. DIGGS
DID NOT WISH TO BOTHER HIM AT THIS TIME UNLESS EMBASSY
FEELS THAT THERE IS COMPELLING REASON TO DO SO AND THAT

PRESIDENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY RECEPTIVE. (C) CONG. DIGGS IS AWARE THAT AN NAACP TASK FORCE VISIT TO IVORY COAST WILL OVERLAP WITH HIS. HE WISHES TO INDICATE THAT IF MEMBERS SEEKING SAME APPOINTMENTS, AND IF THEY DON'T MIND, HE WOULD NOT MIND IF THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE DONE AT THE SAME TIME.

2. BAMAKO: EMBTEL 1158. (A) REQUEST COST PER HOUR OF FIVE-PASSENGER CHARTER FROM TOMBOUCTOU TO NIAMEY AND ALSO TOMBOUCTOU - GAO - NIAMEY. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW FLYING TIME FOR EACH OF THESE TRIPS. (B) UNDERSTAND USAID

WILL PAY FOR CHARTER FROM BAMAKO - SEGOU - TOMBOUCTOU. (C) CONGRESSMAN DIGGS WISHES TO ADHERE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, ARRIVING NIAMEY AT APPROXIMATELY 1300 HOURS. CODEL HAS NO OBJECTION TO VERY EARLY MORNING START (AS EARLY AS 0600 IF FEASIBLE) TO VIEW PROJECTS AT GAO AND DEPART IMMEDIATELY FOR NIAMEY. PLEASE ADVISE. (D) CODEL DIGGS THANKS EMBASSY AND USAID FOR OFFER OF SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS AT GUEST HOUSE AND CONG. DIGGS THANKS AMBASSADOR FOR INVITATION TO STAY AT RESIDENCE BUT ALL MEMBERS OF CODEL DIGGS WOULD LIKE TO STAY AT LES HIRONDELLES. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MAKING RESERVATIONS. REPS. WHALEN AND SOLARZ HAVE BEEN GIVEN AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION BUT HAVE NOT AS YET RESPONDED.

3. DAKAR: EMBTEL 2152. CODEL CONCURS IN SUGGESTED PROGRAM. AUTHORIZATION IS GIVEN FOR EMBASSY TO CHARGE ONE-HALF OF COST OF CHARTER (U.S. DOLS 1,000) TO 19FT510 FUNDS. UNCLASSIFIED

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HIRC AUTHORIZES. CODEL THANKS AMBASSADOR FOR SOCIAL FUNCTION ON EVENING OF APRIL 11.

4. DAKAR: FYI: CODEL WHALEN AND SOLARZ ARE CHANGING TRAVEL PLANS. WHALEN WILL NOW ARRIVE TUESDAY MORNING (0645) AND DEPART WITH OTHERS FOR BAMAKO. SOLARZ MAY ARRIVE WITH HIM BUT PLANS NOT YET FIRM. WILL CABLE SOONEST.

5. NIAMEY: EMBTEL 1428: SEE ABOVE, PARA 2. EMBTEL 1419: CODEL CONCURS IN PROPOSED SCHEDULE. CHAIRMAN DIGGS CONFIRMS THAT HE WILL STAY AT GRAND HOTEL WITH REST OF CODEL, BUT WISHES TO THANK AMBASSADOR FOR KIND INVITATION.

6. OUAGADOUGOU: EMBTEL 1114 PARA 4. CHAIRMAN DIGGS WISHES TO THANK AMBASSADOR FOR THOUGHTFUL INVITATION TO STAY AT RESIDENCE BUT RESPECTFULLY DECLINES AND WILL STAY WITH REST OF CODEL AT INDEPENDENCE HOTEL. REF EMBTEL 1125: CODEL DIGGS APPRECIATES AMBASSADOR'S OFFER OF

RECEPTION ON APRIL 6 WITH VOLTAN OFFICIALS AND LOOKS FORWARD
TO IT WITH PLEASURE.

7. LONDON: EMBTEL 5122 JUST ARRIVED AND WILL BE PASSED
TO CODEL SOONEST FOR COMMENTS AND REPLY.

7. PARIS: EMBTEL 8948: CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND MR POPOVICH
WILL ARRIVE APRIL 1 AT 0805 VIA TWA 890 INSTEAD OF AT 0825.
DR. CHALLENGER PLANS TO GO DIRECTLY TO LONDON AND WILL NOT
VISIT PARIS. CONTENTS OF REF HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO CODEL.
WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED.
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